MODIFICATION OF THE NCIC MISSING PERSON FILE TO INCLUDE THE AMBER ALERT CAPABILITY

AFFECTED BY CHANGE: **Missing Person File**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **August 31, 2004**

Background

The AMBER Alert System began in 1996 as an early warning system to help find abducted children. It was created as a legacy to 9-year old Amber Hagerman who was abducted and brutally murdered while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas. The early AMBER Alert System has evolved into a nationwide network of AMBER Alert Plans coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). As of July 2004, 49 states were operating 97 AMBER Alert plans. Each plan has an AMBER coordinator who works with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) during an AMBER Alert to provide support using secondary information dissemination through nationally known communication companies that have partnered with NCMEC.

The NCIC AMBER Alert capability was created in response to a DOJ request for a means of flagging NCIC missing person records and providing notification to NCMEC so they may work with the respective AMBER coordinator to immediately deploy resources in the most serious child abduction cases. The NCIC AMBER Alert capability consists of a new Missing Person (MNP) Field code, caveat, and $.8. notification.

System Changes

NCIC users will need to program their systems to include the new AMBER Alert code (AA) for the MNP Field.

NCIC 2000 Operating Manual Changes

Additions to the NCIC Operating Manual are indicated by ~~highlighting~~; deletions are indicated by ~~strike-outs~~.

INTRODUCTION

2.5   INQUIRY

21.   ***AMBER ALERT***ISSUED FOR NIC/MXXXXXXXXX***AMBER ALERT***

This message appears before a Missing Person File record response containing AA in the Missing Person (MNP) Field.

2.9   ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGES

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGES

$.8. Child Abduction Notification

A $.8. administrative message is sent to NCMEC and ~~the FBI~~ ~~both the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) and the Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC) when the missing person record is a~~ for all missing person entry, modify, cancel, locate, and clear transactions when the Missing Person (MNP) Field contains a value of CA.

The following is an example of a $.8.Child Abduction Notification:

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$.8.
CASKU1000
CHILD ABDUCTI0N N0TIFICATI0N AT 1325 EST 19991001
1L01HEADER.MM.MD102600.NAM/D0E, J0HN J.NIC/M000069216.EYE/BR0
UPDATING 0RI IS ANY CITY PD MD

MKE/MISSING PERS0N JUVENILE ENDANGERED
0RI/MD1012600 NAM/D0E, J0HN J SEX/M RAC/W P0B/MD D0B/19891012
D0E/20071012 HGT/310 WGT/065 EYE/BR0 HAI/BR0 SKN/FAR SMT/SC R HND
S0C/123456789 MNP/CA DLC/19921201 0CA/SAMPLE
MIS/LAST SEEN WEARING BLUE PANTS AND RED SHIRT
BLT/0P0S CRC/C FPA/N BXR/P
JWT/PK RI
JWL/G0LD RING
0RI IS ANY CITY PD MD
SMT/SC R ARM

DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS
DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS (DCH) ARE N0T AVAILABLE
NIC/M000069216 DTE/19981215 1245 EST
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$.8. AMBER Alert Notification

A $.8. administrative message is sent to NCMEC and the FBI for all missing person entry, modify, cancel, locate, and clear transactions when the Missing Person (MNP) Field contains a value of AA.

The following is an example of a $.8. AMBER Alert Notification:

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$.8.
CASKU1000
AMBER-ALERT NOTIFICATION AT 1325 EST 19991001
1L01HEADER.MM.MD102600.NAM/DOE, JOHN J.NIC/M000069216.EYE/BR0
UPDATING 0RI IS ANY CITY PD MD
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MKE/MISSING PERSON ENDANGERED
ORI/MD1012600 NAM/DOE, JOHN J SEX/M RAC/W POB/MD DOB/19891012
DOE/20071012 HGT/310 WGT/065 EYE/BRO HAI/BRO SKN/FAR SMT/SC R HND
SOC/123456789 MNP/AA DLC/19921201 OCA/SAMPLE
MIS/LAST SEEN WEARING BLUE PANTS AND RED SHIRT
BLT/OPOS CRC/C FPA/N BXR/P
JWT/PK RI
JWL/GOLD RING
ORI IS ANY CITY PD MD
SMT/SC R ARM


DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS
DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS (DCH) ARE NOT AVAILABLE
NIC/M000069216 DTE/19981215 1245 EST
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1.9   MESSAGE FIELD CODES AND EDITS

Code	Field	Edits
MNP	Missing Person	If the MKE is EMD, EMJ, or EMO, the MNP Field must be MP. If MKE is EMV, the MNP Field must be DV. If the MKE is EME or EMI, the MNP must be either MP, or CA, or AA. In an entry transaction, if MNP is CA, victim's age must be under 21 years of age - current year minus year of birth. In all subsequent updates, if MNP is CA, victim's age must be under 21 years of age - record date of entry minus year of birth. If MNP is CA or AA, then DOB must be filled with a valid Gregorian date.

2.6   MESSAGE FIELD CODE EDITS FOR ENTRY

8.   MISSING PERSON (MNP)

The MNP Field is mandatory for all entries. If the MKE is EMD, EMJ, or EMO, the MNP Field must be MP (Missing Person). If the MKE is EMV, the MNP must be DV (Disaster Victim). If the MKE is EME or EMI, the MNP must be either MP, or CA (Child Abduction), or AA (Amber Alert).

If MNP is CA, the missing person's age must be less than 21 years of age. The CA is to be used in the MNP Field when there is reasonable indication or suspicion that a child has been abducted and/or is missing under circumstances suggesting foul play or a threat to life. While the CA code is discretionary, every effort should be made to use the code when the criteria are met. The use of this code will give the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) and Strategic Information Center

(SIOC), and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) notification of urgent cases and enable them to provide assistance if needed.

If MNP is AA, the missing person's age should be less than 18 years of age. The AA is to be used in the MNP Field when an AMBER Alert has been issued. Use of the AA code will give the FBI and NCMEC notification of urgent cases and enable them to provide assistance if needed, as well as provide appropriate notification to inquiring agencies.